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SUBJECT: POPULATION TRAINING - GAI: DR. ROSS

1. DR. ROSS, MEDICAL DIRECTOR, ETHIOPIAN FAMILY GUIDANCE ASSOCIATION HAS APPLIED AND BEEN ACCEPTED TO ATTEND APRIL 22 - MAY 31, 1974 SEMINAR - WORKSHOP ON PROBLEMS OF MANAGING FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAMS AT GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS INSTITUTE, WASH., D.C. REQUEST AID/W CONSIDER FUNDING DR. ROSS ATTENDANCE FROM CENTRAL POPULATION PARTICIPANT TRAINING FUND OR ARRANGING FUNDING THRU APPROPRIATE INTERMEDIARY. RECALL SISTER IJIGAYEHU, EXEC. DIR., FGA, WAS SCHEDULED TO ATTEND SAME COURSE LAST YEAR WITH PATHFINDER SUPPORT, BUT PREGNANCY PRECLUDED PARTICIPATION.

2. DR. ROSS IS ONLY FULL-TIME EXPATRIATE EMPLOYEE OF FGA. SHE HAS COMPREHENSIVE ADMINISTRATION, PLANNING, BUDGETING AND IMPLEMENTATION RESPONSIBILITIES FOR F.P. PROGRAM NOW QUIETLY EXPANDED TO 107 CLINICS IN ALL 14 PROVINCES OF ETHIOPIA. WHILE FULLY QUALIFIED IN CLINICAL ASPECTS OF F.P., DR. ROSS HAS NEVER HAD TRAINING IN ESSENTIAL NON-CLINICAL ASPECTS OF MANAGING NATIONAL F.P. PROGRAM. \$4,500 COST ROSS ATTENDANCE GAI WORKSHOP IN PRUDENT INVESTMENT BY AID. MISSION BELIEVE HER PARTICIPATION IN GAI WORKSHOP IMPORTANT TO EFFECTIVE USE AND MANAGEMENT OF USG FUNDS BEING CHanneled TO FGA THRU IPPF, NOW RUNNING \$125,000 ANNUALLY.

3. FGA LINKS TO INTERNATIONAL FP/POP COMMUNITY ARE EXTREMELY WEAK AT TIME WHEN GROWING NATIONAL RECEPTIVITY MAKING SIGNIFICANT FP/POP EXPANSIONS POSSIBLE AND NECESSARY. FGA WOULD LIKE ROSS TO

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SPEND ADDITIONAL TWO WEEKS IN U.S. AFTER WORKSHOP MAKING CONTACTS

WITH FOLLOWING WHICH ILLNESS PROCLUDED DR. WIDAD FROM DOING:

- A. DOWNSTATE NEW YORK - DISCUSS JOINT TRAINING PROGRAM.
- B. MARGERET SANGER INSTITUTE - DISCUSS INFERTILITY CLINIC.
- C. PATHFINDER FUND - DISCUSS ASMARA PROJECT; FGA STAFF DEVELOPMENT TRAINING.
- D. UNFPA, FORD FOUNDATION, POPULATION COUNCIL ON GENERAL LIAISON.
- E. UNIV. NORTH CAROLINA - DISCUSS INFORMATION PROGRAM.
- F. JOHNS HOPKINS UNIV. - EXPANDED RESEARCH PROGRAM; PRESENT NEKEMPTE PROJECT.
- G. FPJA - DISCUSS NUMEROUS SMALL PROJECTS OUTSIDE IPPF PROGRAM.
- H. WORLD EDUCATION - DISCUSS F.P. EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS RESEARCH PROJECT, IF RPO DOES NOT FUND SAME.

4. PLEASE COORDINATE WITH GAI AND ADVISE PRIORITY.
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